

20 June 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Meeting with Certain Members of the Foreign Operations and Government Information Subcommittee of House Government Operations

1. This memorandum contains a suggestion in paragraph 5 for the Director of Central Intelligence.

2. The meeting with the Moss Subcommittee on Friday, 21 June, 3 p.m., results from hearings concerning the policy of the Department of Defense and NASA concerning release of information to the public, particularly information on Russian satellite activity. Expected to be present are Representative John E. Moss (D., California), Chairman; Representative Porter Hardy (D., Virginia); Samuel Archibald, Staff Administrator; and perhaps Representative John S. Monagan (D., Connecticut) and Representative Dante B. Fascell (D., Florida).

3. The real problem with this group is their lack of knowledge of and consequent failure to understand the intelligence process and particularly the problem of protecting sources and methods. As examples, they have heard testimony by [REDACTED] and others about the tracking of missiles in orbit, which is not sensitive, and apparently they believe Soviet failures could be detected by the same means. They, therefore, have no understanding of the sensitive sources from which we get information on failures and that if the information derived were published the sources would be lost.

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4. Other points raised during the hearings were why the names of the ships and of their officers stopped in the Cuban quarantine could not be released, and why the photographs of Cuban missiles are not available to the public even though they

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were released in London. If they understand the need for security precautions, this group will respect it, but they are skeptical and will want clearcut demonstration of the need.

5. I would suggest that you have with you Mr. Sheldon, Colonel Giller, and Mr. Helms or Mr. Karamessines.



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